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LOK SABHA

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R D CENTRE FOR COIR
SURESH KURUP

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has requested the Union Government to set up an R & Dcentre for coir under ICAR in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)

(i) Indian Council of Agricultural Research has Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI), Kasargod, Kerala, one of whose mandate is to do R & D work on coconut & its products.

(ii) Government of India has established a Coir Board in Kochi, Kerala, whose mandate is also to see the application of coir for its various diversified products. Under the Coir Board, there is Central Coir Research Institute (CCRI) at Alleppy, Kerala. The mandate of this institute is to do R & D work exclusively on coir and its products besides, training and extension.

Therefore, ICAR does not plan to set-up a new R & D Centre for Coir in Kerala.